

In the Abstract:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The magnetic head tester of the present invention drives a ~~medium (40)~~ medium for rotation to float a ~~slider (10)~~ slider from the ~~medium (40)~~ medium so as to test a magnetic head for its characteristics, and the tester ~~comprises~~ includes a ~~holder (20)~~ holder removably holding the ~~slider (10)~~ slider opposed to the surface of the ~~medium (40)~~ medium, and suspension ~~means (24)~~ means provided in the ~~holder (20)~~ holder which has the same function as a suspension supporting the ~~slider (10)~~ slider in a real apparatus. With this tester, tests can be executed by exchanging the ~~slider (10)~~ slider alone, and it is unnecessary to discard the suspension even when the magnetic head is judged to be ~~out of order~~, defective, thus the loss of production ~~cost for~~ costs for the suspension and processing ~~cost for~~ costs for assembling the slider in the suspension can be avoided.